

2009 Terra de Bron Swartland Syrah

Five centuries ago the ancient mariners braved uncharted seas to round the Cape of Good Hope in search of exotic spices. Their nerve and dash inspire the Spice Route philosophy.

We have found our signature wine style in the rolling hills along the Cape's West Coast, where unirrigated vines produce grapes with small, thick-skinned berries – ripe fruit that is dense, rich and full-flavoured. A passionate dedication to quality and traditional hand-crafting captures the essence of this fruit in our wines.

De Bron was the nickname given to the town of Malmesbury before British rule, as Bron is the Dutch word for a thermal water spring and the area was known for its healing hot springs and dry air.

IN THE VINEYARD

The fruit used to craft this wine was selected from a single dry land bushvine planted on deep clay and decomposed granite soil called koffieklip, on Klein Amoskuil farm. This specific block of Syrah was planted in 2001 and has consistently produced wine that reflects a true sense of place; the first to show single vineyard potential, this block inspired the idea of the Terra de Bron series.

HARVEST DATE

12 March 2009

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-picked, hand-sorted and fermented in a single 2-ton open oak fermenter (*Foudre*) for 14 days. Manual punch downs were applied twice daily, without pumping over. The wine was racked off to oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and maturation, where it spent 18 months. It was released after two years of bottle ageing.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

"With moderate yield and slow, late ripening, we knew that the 2009 vintage was going to produce wine of exceptional quality, and extra care was taken on this small parcel of fruit. Enjoy!"

- Charl du Plessis

TASTING NOTE

Aromas of cedar and cherries layered with notes of white pepper. The palate reveals dark red fruit with structured tannins for ageing.



Wine of Origin	Swartland
Alcohol	14.0%
Residual sugar	2.7g/l
Total acid	5.40g/l
pH	3.49

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